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filed October 1, 2001, (AMAT 6508L), which United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/286,107 and 60/326,263, are incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the amendment prior to examining the case. The Applicants have amended the specification to reflect all of the priority claims to patent applications that are to be disclosed in the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-1074/AMAT/5844/CMP/CMP/RWM, for any fees required to make this preliminary amendment timely and acceptable to the Office. The Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

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Appendix

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Patent Application No. 09/505,899 (AMAT/4100), filed on February 17, 2000, a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application No. 10/026,854 (AMAT/5765), filed on December 20, 2001; and claims benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/286,107, filed April 24, 2001, (AMAT 5844L) and United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/326,263, filed October 1, 2001, (AMAT 6508L), which United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/286,107 and 60/326,263, are incorporated herein by reference.